Interagency Wildfire Management Team Meeting Notes April 5, 2006

Doug Tucker (Los Alamos County Fire Department) distributed a Unified Action Plan that was developed by the New Mexico Department of Health in preparation for a potential outbreak of influenza. On April 18, there will be a facilitated discussion of this plan, which may be a good model for other agencies that anticipate similar types of emergencies. Contact Doug at 662-8309 for further information. Doug also announced that the adoption of fire restrictions by Los Alamos County will be discussed on April 11.

Lawrence Garcia (Santa Fe National Forest) reported that the contract helicopter will be on site starting April 17.

Randy Balice (Emergency Operations Office, Institutional Support, LANL) distributed a report on the impacts of the recent fires in Texas.

Phil Taylor (Los Alamos County Emergency Management) distributed an announcement distributed an announcement from the Chama District, which is sponsoring a meeting to discuss issues surrounding the current fire season. The meeting will be held on April 7, beginning at 10 AM, at the Rio Arriba County Rural Event Center. Contact Phil at 663-3511 for more information.

Gary Kemp (Bandelier National Monument) has been collaborating with Doug Tucker on the development of a fire prevention message that will be distributed to the general public. Also, Gary reported that a Call-When-Needed helicopter is available at TA-49 until the contract ship arrives for service.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, April 19, at the EOC (TA-69, Building 33) in the Fire TAC Room (124). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice (balice@lanl.gov, 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.